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SUBJ: US AIRLINES IN SOUTH VIETNA

1. HAIG BARSEGAN, FLYING TIGER REP. FOR SEA WHO ARRIVED HERE FROM SAIGON APRIL 1, SAID GVN HAS BANNED TRAVEL BY GVN PASSPORT HOLDERS WITH RESULT THAT US AIRLINES ARE BEING OFFERED VAST SUMS FOR COVERT TRANSPORT OF CIVILIANS OUT OF SAIGON. BARSEGAN ALLEGED THAT ON MARCH 31 CHINESE BUSINESSMAN OFFERED HIM \$500,000 TO FLY LOAD OF PASSENGERS TO HONG KONG FROM SAIGON IN FT CARGO AIRCRAFT. BARSEGAN TURNED DOWN PROPOSITION MAINLY BECAUSE HE BELIEVES SAIGON WILL HOLD AND HOPES TO KEEP OPERATING THERE. BARSEGAN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT DURING SAIGON VISIT SEVERAL LONGTIME FLYING TIGER EMPLOYEES ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THAT AIRLINE WOULD EVACUATE FAMILIES IF NEED ARISES, AND COMMENTED THAT NOT EVEN DURING 1968 TET OFFENSIVE HAD STAFF PREVIOUSLY MADE SUCH REQUESTS.

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